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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Karl D. Frech	2876	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 8-17 and 25-40 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-7, 18-24 and 41 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/2005.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____.

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1. Applicant's response filed 6/14/05 has been entered and considered.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 18-20, 41 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stork et al 5,434,395 (Stork). Stork discloses a card data transfer device 1 that allows for two cards 2,5 of the microcircuit variety and credit card format size (col 8 lines 58+) to be inserted and electrically connected (col 9 line 4). There are disclosed LEDs 18 for identifying various stages in a data transfer (col 10 line 66 – col 11 line 6), i.e. card insertion identifier. When one of the three LEDs is lit, a card is inserted. When none are lit, the card is no longer inserted.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4-7,21-24 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stork et al 5,434,395 (Stork). Stork discloses that which is seen above. Stork does not specifically disclose that the card is a multimedia card (claims 4, 21) or a secure digital card (claims 6, 23). However, both multimedia cards and secure cards are old and well known. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the

art at the time of the invention to utilize a well-known multimedia card or secure card in the apparatus of Stork. This would allow multimedia or secure data to be effectively transferred. Stork does not specifically disclose that the assignment information comprises an assignment voltage for assigning an operation voltage for power distribution to an entire system and the assignment card address as in claims 5,7,22,24. However, these elements do not further define the card transfer mechanism as in independent claim 1, as there is no associated "assignment voltage propriety requester" limitation within the respective claims, and as such the information held within the card is interpreted merely as data.

6. Claims 8-17,25-40 remain allowed for the same reasons as previously set forth.
7. Applicant's arguments filed 6/14/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues on page 13 of the response of 6/14/05 that the current invention requires a program and on page 14 that Stork discloses a protocol. However, the examiner considers the protocol of Stork as disclosed and the program of the current claims to be synonymous. Both are used to manipulate data within a processor. Applicant also argues on page 14 that the current claims require a data transfer mode establisher but Stork discloses a communication unit that compares protocols. The examiner asserts that Stork's protocol comparison is an "establisher" for effecting communication, i.e. data transfer mode establisher.
8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

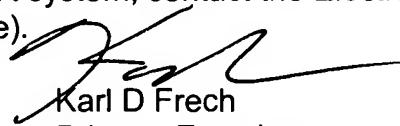
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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl D. Frech whose telephone number is (571) 272-2390. The examiner can normally be reached on maxi-flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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